Sitting Up of new Power Projects with German Collaboration

133. SHRI SANAPAN BISI: Will the Mimster ot POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had a discussion with the German businessmen recently fur setting up power projects in lite country; and

(b) if st), the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and lb)- On September 9, 1998, the Minister <>l Power met and discussed with German businessmen, the prospects for investment in India's power sector. The Minis-u i ot Power was accompanying the president on his state visit to Germany. The Minister gave an overview of the several measures taken by the Government of India recently to substantially augment investments in the Power Sector and encouraged the German companies to participate more actively in power and other areas.

Four-Laning of Chandigarh Ropar Kiratpur sahib National Highway

*34. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start and complete on priority basis the construction work of four-laning of Chandigarh-Ropar-Kiratpur Sahib (National Highway 21) keeping in view that Punjab is celebrating Tricentenary of Khalsa Panth in April; 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW. JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. M. THAMBI DURA1): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Docs not arise.

(c) This work cold not be included in the Annual Plan 1998-99 due to paucity of funds and priority of other National Highway works in Punjab.

विमानपत्तनों के निर्माण में विदेशी निवेश

*35.**श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र**: क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने विमानपत्तनों के निर्माण में शत प्रतिशत विदेशी निवेश को मंजूरी दी हैं;और

(ख) यदि हां,तो इस योजना का ब्यौरा क्या है और सरकार को अब तक ऐसे कितने प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री अनंत कुमार): (क) और(ख) एअरपोर्ट इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर पर सरकार की अनुमोदित सरकारी नीति के अनुसार,विदेशी इक्विटी भागीदारी की 74 प्रतिशत तक की अनुमति स्वत: अनुमोदन से और 100 प्रतिशत तक की भागीदारी की अनुमति विशेष अनुमति से हैं । इस प्रकार की भागीदारी विदेशी विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरणों द्वारा भी की जा सकती है । हाल ही मैं माननीय प्रधान मंत्री जी ने यह घोषणा की है कि सरकार ऐसे पांच शहरों का पता लगायेगी जिन्हें 100 प्रतिशत विदेशी सीधे निवेश से विश्व श्रेणी के अंतराष्ट्रीय विमानपतनों के रूप में विकसित किया जा सके । योजना आयोग के उपाध्यक्ष की अध्यक्षता में सरकार द्वारा गठित कार्यदल मामले की जांच कर रहा है ।

Privatisation of international cargo handling

*36. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether cargo handling in the international sector has been thrown open to private and foreign parties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of international cargo handled at international airports in the past 5 years, year-wise and airport-wise;

(d) the details of equity participation of Airports Authority of India; and

(e) the details of rates of land and space offered for the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) A decision has been taken 'in